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FIND THE CROWD?



Hurdling through Zeman's outstretched leg, South Coast's winger Paterson typifies his team's newly found dash. In the background the famed "white elephant" of Marks Field, the never used stand for the now demolished Music Shell.

APIA, ST. GEORGE STILL AILING

Hardly has Pan Hellenic achieved domestic peace, enabling them to lead the championship field undefeated, when up comes APIA beset by internal strife not experienced around Lambert Park for years.

The resignation of vice-president cum selector Vic Capelleto and the departure of coach Mike Mazzina indicate that a rather violent schism must have rocked Sydney's glamor club.

After six rounds, APIA occupy a very modest spot on the table, having averaged only one point per match — a far cry from their all-conquering recent past.

The much-sung herbes of 1967, St. George-Budapest are also dragging their feet and are playing worse football than any time in recent years.

The two leaders in the championship, Pan Hellenic and Hakoah, will clash on Sunday and the pandemonium may rock staid old Wentworth Park to its canine foundations.

Prague, often described as Sydney's classiest team, will have an opportunity to prove that the tag fits when they visit Lambert Park, with its vociferous if not outright menacing "tifosis".

The APIA crowd is getting extremely restive and, unchecked, could touch off some ugly scenes at the

slightest provocation.

Manly and Canterbury, the present two candidates for relegation, will also clash head on.

Neither can stomach the prospect of trailing the field for too long — and a win here would be significant for

either side.

The weekend's crowds should at least match the attractive program dished out.

Given continued good weather, the aggregate may even reach the 20,000-mark.

— P.D.

ASF MAY SEND MAN TO SEOUL

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The Australian Federation executive will decide this weekend whether to send a delegate to the Asian Football Confederation's executive meeting in Seoul, South Korea, on May 15 — three days later.

The Japanese FA has urged the ASF to be represented at the meeting which will discuss the Asia-Oceania World Cup elimination rounds.

Representatives from every country in the Asian sub-groups, except North Korea, will be in Seoul for the Confederation meeting, which is held in conjunction with the Asian Youth Tournament.

Now that Japan, Israel and Australia have officially declined to stage a round-robin elimination in their countries, the matter has been placed before the Asian Confederation for decision.

"As FIFA must be informed of the format and procedure of all elimination World Cup matches before May 31, it is imperative that the newly-formed Oceania Confederation also be represented when the matter is discussed by its Asian counterpart," ASF secretary Ian McAndrew said this week.

Should the ASF this weekend agree to send an official to South Korea — and it appears almost certain the trip will be okayed — he will press for home-and-away elimination matches to start in October this year.

problems of a geographical and political nature because of North Korea's political stand and the distances involved for home-and-away matches.

It wouldn't surprise if matches in this sub-group were staged as a round-robin in a neutral country to accommodate all parties.

Though FIFA suggested originally that all matches in the Asia-Oceania subgroups should be staged as a round-

robin in either Japan, Australia or Israel, the world body is not expected to object to home-and-away matches if they can be arranged satisfactorily.

It is to be hoped that Australia's man at the Asian Confederation meeting returns with all our World Cup commitments clearly defined and finalised.

Australian soccer cannot afford another costly jaunt which again achieves nothing.

Unique jubilee for Prague star

— By PAUL DEAN —

Sydney soccer will have a rare jubilee on Sunday: Prague skipper Les Scheinflug will play his 300th match for his team.

Of all the players now in Sydney, Scheinflug's is by far the most impressive record.

He joined Prague as a raw teenager and in the early years played on the left wing without too much distinction.

When the Viennese stars arrived, Scheinflug's position in the team became unsettled.

But then he was moved to left-half — and there, in partnership with Walter Tamandl, he formed what can be described as Sydney's best wing-half pair ever.

If there has been one player who has improved with age in our queer set-up, it must be Scheinflug.

As the years passed, his rather angular, unpolished

movements gave way to great skill, maturity and an amazing capacity for work.

Fittingly, he has gained numerous representative selections for Australia and NSW; in 1965 he was captain of Australia's World Cup team.

Since 1957 when the Federation was formed, Scheinflug has played 226 championship matches and 73 other games (cups and play-offs), scoring a total of 99 goals.

So on Sunday his 300th match for Prague is coming up — and maybe his 100th goal.

We congratulate Scheinflug and Prague for his unique achievement.

Let's hope his club and the Federation will also find a suitable way to mark the occasion.

PROBLEMS

Australia's subgroup, which includes Japan, South Korea and Rhodesia, should present no problems as the Rhodesians are agreeable to play all their matches away this year, starting in Australia in mid-October.

The Japanese FA last week advised the ASF it was in favor of home-and-away ties, but so far nothing has been heard from South Korea.

The ASF will suggest that Australia meet Japan and South Korea in Tokyo and Seoul in November this year and stage the return fixtures in Australia in 1969.

The other subgroup, with North Korea, Israel and New Zealand, however, will present

NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY							NEXT OPPONENT	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		* HOME MATCH
Pan Hellenic	11	6	5	1	0	16	5	11	4	4	—	—	12	3	8	2	1	1	—	4	2	3	Hakoah
Hakoah	12	6	4	2	—	13	7	10	2	2	—	—	7	4	4	4	2	2	—	6	3	6	Pan Hellenic *
Polonia	11	6	4	1	1	12	8	9	4	2	1	1	7	6	5	2	2	—	—	5	2	4	St. George
Prague	8	6	3	2	1	18	8	8	3	2	1	—	10	1	5	3	1	1	1	8	7	3	APIA
South Coast Utd.	9	6	3	1	2	19	9	7	3	3	—	—	17	4	6	3	—	1	2	2	5	1	Melita Eagles *
St. George	8	6	2	2	2	8	7	6	3	1	1	1	3	4	3	3	1	1	1	5	3	3	Polonia *
APIA	8	6	2	2	2	9	10	6	2	1	1	—	3	2	3	4	1	1	2	6	8	3	Prague *
Melita Eagles	6	6	2	2	2	6	7	6	3	—	2	1	3	5	2	3	2	—	1	3	2	4	South Coast U.
Yugal	3	6	1	1	4	8	14	3	3	1	1	1	6	4	3	3	—	—	3	2	10	—	Croatia *
Croatia	3	6	1	1	4	5	13	3	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	—	—	3	2	10	—	Yugal
Canterbury	5	6	1	—	5	6	23	2	3	1	—	2	4	7	2	3	—	—	3	2	16	—	Manly *
Manly	1	6	—	1	5	5	14	1	4	—	—	4	1	8	—	2	—	1	1	4	6	1	Canterbury

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READERS' LETTERS

These boys need help

A keen soccer fan in my Sydney days, I am now working at the BHP plant at Groote Eyland, an island in the Gulf of Carpentaria, 400 miles from Darwin.

I have taken on the job of coaching aboriginal boys between the ages of 14 and 18 at the big local mission.

These lads are phenomenally gifted — streets ahead of white Australians of the same age.

My soccer experience so far has been limited to watching matches, and I urgently require coaching manuals and detailed data.

I am confident that despite my lack of coaching experience, I can teach them soccer because their natural ability, speed and reflexes are simply amazing.

We would also need some old soccer gear, especially shirts and shorts. At the moment the boys run around practically naked. Some small size boots and used soccer balls would also be welcome.

I am writing this letter in the hope that some of the Sydney clubs, even perhaps the Australian or NSW Federation, can lend a helping hand.

Milan Kyca,
B.H.P.,
Groote Eyland
via Darwin (N.T.).

GAMES SOUGHT

We have about a dozen boys aged from eight to 12 years interested in playing soccer.

Unfortunately, we are too far away to play in any competition and our only hope is for social games.

Even these, however, are hard to arrange and we have only had one game this year, at Woonona, on the South Coast.

I am wondering if you could publish this letter in your paper as there must be some clubs in the metropolitan area who could bring a team of boys up for a game on Saturdays or Sundays.

We would be able to repay the visit.

This is the only way we can hold our soccer-crazy lads' interest.

We are in a strong Rugby area and badly need games.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

D. J. Smith,
Hawthorne Road,
Bargo, 2574.

JUNIOR RESULTS

I buy your paper every week, and I think it is very good.

I also think that if you published all the results of junior matches you would have more sales.

Several of the people where I work, who have sons playing junior football claim they would like to see a paper with the junior results in it.

The only way to do this is by adding an extra page.

With these extra pages, you could also do more on the Second Division such as teams, scorers and the times when the goals are scored as well as the second and third grade scorers.

You could also bring back "Or so they say."

This was a very good column, really showing the daily papers up.

Robert C. Page,
Guildford.

● Thanks for your ideas. To publish every week all results of all junior matches, we would have to add not one, but at least eight pages — clearly economically suicidal. The "Or So They Say" column is not dead, only dormant; lack of space has squeezed it out of recent issues. — Ed.

BOYCOTT URGED

The decision to increase admission prices at First Division Sydney matches can only be described as highway robbery.

There is no justification whatsoever.

The money will not be used to improve the pathetic paddocks which masquerade as soccer grounds and I vouch to say that not one cent will be put to any constructive use.

The additional 10 cents the suckers — we, the long-suffering, Sydney soccer public — have to fork out will as always find its way into the pockets of our over-paid prima-donnas.

They, and not the game, will be the only beneficiaries of this scandalous, completely unwarranted rise in gate charges.

I, for one, intend to stay away as much as I can from First Division matches this year, and if thousands of other fans do likewise, public opinion may force the clubs to reverse what I consider to be a suicidal, irresponsible decision.

J. Langford,
Belmore.

TEACHING LESSONS

I wish to air my grievances on the "fracas" between APIA and Hakoah at Lambert Park recently.

After a controversial goal by Hakoah, some of APIA's supporters acted like a pack of untrained animals, throwing stones, bottles and even a shoe at the linesman.

Mr. Boskovic should have abandoned the game then and there.

Yet he waved "play on!" despite complaints by Fuzes, who had been the target of bottles and stones from behind his goal.

Mr. Boskovic, obviously frightened for his own life, quietened APIA's supporters by awarding an extremely harsh, but "convenient" penalty against Hakoah.

In conclusion, I hope "Soccer World" will print this letter if only to wake up our referees, who in the future must immediately abandon a game after such misbehavior as that displayed by APIA's supporters.

With the vital two points awarded to the opposing team our "naughty" spectators will soon learn to accept a referee's decision and appreciate that our referees are only human and can make errors.

T. Fixler,
Bellevue Hill.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

The Australian Federation executive at its Sydney meeting this weekend will discuss the possibility of annual Trans-Tasman internationals between Australia and New Zealand, alternating between the two countries. Regular visits to New Caledonia will also be examined.

Walter Tamandl and Andy Sagi are among the entrants in St. George-Budapest's FOOT-TENNIS competition starting in a fortnight. Entries close on May 13. Players from all clubs are cordially invited to ring John Warren at 57-4778 and nominate.

Pan Hellenic's new management extended a cordial INVITATION to the management, supporters and players of rival Canterbury at Wentworth Park last Saturday. An admirable gesture, which was translated from Greek into English over the PA system. Many other announcements, however, were only broadcast in Greek, leaving the non-Greek speaking minority in the crowd in the dark.

The quiet, cautious way JOHN WATKISS has been performing in the Hakoah reserves suggests that several more weeks will elapse before he can challenge for a first team spot.

TERRY THORNE, Prague's free-scoring forward, is tipped to join Melita Eagles whom he has reportedly approached.

MELITA EAGLES' half-yearly general meeting is likely to take place at the end of the month — probably on a Friday night because the club plays every Sunday in May.

Yugal have placed their star forward ILJA TAKAC on the transfer list, at his own request. The tag: \$4000. Takac, however, is unlikely to move. If he does, he may join the ailing JUST in Melbourne.

We erred in last week's reserve grade details. Saints' GREG TSOLAKIS was never sent off against Pan Hellenic. He was only replaced at half-time.

MARCEL ATOUA, Hakoah's talented New Caledonian international utility player.

Juniors make huge gains

Some excellent gains in strength have been reported this year by the Sydney associations.

Fourteen associations this year have a record 3,390 teams, with 51,000 registered players.

What makes the figures so remarkable is that in addition there are approximately another 6,000 players in sub-junior grades, who under Sydney Amateur Association rules are registered with the local district only.

A few associations remain static in playing numbers due to limitations on population growth, but most are still bounding ahead.

Southern Districts jumped from 213 to 244 teams, and Gladesville from 273 to 314.

Manly gained 28 teams to total 283.

Of the smaller districts, Western Suburbs rose from 70 to 82 teams, and will join the larger associations within a few years, and even Northern Suburbs has a record 72 teams.

Only a few associations are failing to build their liaison with the senior clubs in their area, a factor which would add to their further success.

— Keith Gilmour

er, has joined the Canberra First Division club, Monaro. Atoua made his debut at centre-forward last Sunday and was instrumental in forcing a draw with top ACT team, Juventus.

St. George will stage a COACHING CLINIC for juniors in conjunction with the St. George "Leader" at Peakhurst Park on Thursday, May 16.

A brickbat to South Sydney-Croatia for not using the PA SYSTEM once at Wentworth Park last Sunday when they played APIA. Not one announcement was made during the entire afternoon — a sad reflection on soccer promotion.

HORNSBY NORTH END's new ground in Jenner Road, West Pennant Hills, may be ready for use later in the season. The playing pitch, to full international specifications, is now well grassed, and earthwork on the embankments has been completed. A parking area is being established adjoining the park.

On May 15 at the National Fitness Camp, Narrabeen, a KNOCK-OUT competition will be held for boys in the 14 and 15 years age groups. This competition will be held in conjunction with the visit to Australia of H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh.

Western Suburbs have issued "instructions" to the players on how to find their way to DRUMMOYNE OVAL — their home ground. Wests play Sutherland at Drummoyne on Sunday — only their second home match of the season.

JOE CILIA, Melita Eagles' centre-half is nursing a knee injury and is not likely to play for another three weeks.

There is still the possibility that Canterbury and Melita Eagles will come to some sort of arrangement in SWAPPING Gerry Hood for Melita's Fred Falzon and Dave Reid.

MANLY hope to have yet another New Guinea player soon — and he is what they need most: an effective striker.

Soccer could only manage third — and last place — in the ABC Sporting Review last Sunday after Rugby League and Australian Rules (!).

LEN QUESTED re-appeared again on the Sydney soccer scene last Sunday when he played second grade for Auburn.

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Manly reserve grade inside forward, DANNY ANDERSSON, has returned to his native Sweden. His mother is seriously ill and Danny thought it best to be with her.

Another Manly player has taken the matrimonial plunge. First grade goalkeeper, JAN TUINMAN married Miss J. Cook of Seaforth last Saturday. An injury sustained in the match with Polonia was responsible for him missing the games with Yugal and St. George.

The Australian Federation's Players' Status Committee this weekend will arbitrate in the dispute between Merton Rovers (Qld) and South Coast United over Irish under-23 international, JOSEPH McGRATH. Both clubs claim the player is legally theirs.

The Australian YOUTH Championship for under-16 State teams will be held in Melbourne early in September. The actual dates and format of the national series will be formulated at the ASF's executive meeting in Sydney this weekend.

St. George-Budapest forward, JOHN GALAMBOS, is likely to be loaned for this season. Both Yugal and Melita are interested.

The NSW Amateur Association ably handled its second major project of the season, with the Queensland under-18 VISIT. Full tour results were: v. Armidale at Armidale 7-4; v. Far North at Tamworth 6-1; v. Newcastle at Newcastle 2-6; v. Southern NSW at Wollongong 1-1; v. Sydney at Manly 5-1; v. NSW at Bankstown 2-4 and at Miranda 3-0. International referee, Tony Boskovic, took the whistle for the second interstate match. The NSW team, due to assembly difficulties, could only receive

one weekend's coaching, which was handled by Keith Hardisty.

CARDIFF PROGRAM	
This is the schedule of Cardiff City's nine-match Australian tour:	
June 9: v. Victoria (Melbourne).	
June 10: v. Tasmania (Hobart).	
June 15: v. N. NSW (Newcastle).	
June 16: v. NSW (Sydney).	
June 19: v. Aust. XI (Melbourne).	
June 23: v. Qld. (Brisbane).	
June 26: v. Aust. XI (Sydney).	
June 29: v. SA (Adelaide).	
July 7: v. WA (Perth).	

On Friday night, the THISTLE club will stage a "family night" at the corner of Weigand Avenue and Gordon Street, Bankstown, to raise funds for their "Soccer Queen" Quest.

St. George-Budapest's first soccer FORUM will be held at their Mortdale clubhouse on Thursday, May 30. The first subject to be discussed will be "Professional soccer in Australia". Everyone is invited to put forward their views on the matter. The discussion will kick off at 7.30 p.m. and the forum is intended to be a regular monthly feature.

This Friday, the first day of the school vacation, the Western Suburbs Soccer Club will sponsor a schoolboys CARNIVAL at Timbrell Park, Five Dock, starting at 9 a.m. Eleven High Schools will take part in under-14 and open competition. The winning teams will receive the annual trophy donated by Wests and every player a pennant.

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Quarterly report on the state of our soccer

NEW DEAL MUST COME FROM CLUB OFFICIALS

— By PAUL DEAN —

With almost half the year gone, it must be painfully obvious to one and all that 1968 will again pass without any major progress.

The ASF, cursed with fossilised attitudes and run without a true leadership as a plebiscite, is incapable of meeting the challenges of time.

This organisation, no matter how you change around the people on the innumerable sub-committees, is constitutionally inadequate.

It cannot think, cannot decide, cannot plan and cannot execute.

Its sole function is now limited to arranging tours by overseas teams (not always efficiently) and this, from a national organisation entrusted with the development of the code, is shamefully little.

Quite a few weeks have elapsed since the departure of Dettmar Cramer from Australia and since some leading lights in the ASF and State Federations enthusiastically declared that "this is the man we must have."

But obviously, nothing has been done to get him.

Cramer's visit will soon be forgotten, the memory of his warnings and suggest-

ions will fade into total oblivion and Australian soccer will plod along the same as before; hesitantly, tentatively, haphazardly.

This should be primarily an ASF matter; the strong, dramatic move to obtain Cramer's services should come from them.

But the only thing coming from the ASF is deadly silence.

Closer to home, in Sydney, "reform moves" also exist only in theories.

From time to time we hear of ambitious plans to build a stadium or at least to start off by acquiring land for the purpose.

NO FACILITIES

But not an inch of soil has been obtained, not a dime secured for such a project.

Astonishingly, Sydney finds untold millions for all kinds of business enterprises every week but neither the authorities nor the private sector is willing to embark on giving this city even some modest sporting facilities.

We speak of soccer's bright future — but our glamor teams train in semi-darkness in public parks or paddocks and shower with icy cold water.

The results are predictable: low standards and general dissatisfaction among the fans.

But the club managements, chiefly guilty for this state of affairs, are willing to shoulder none of the blame.

If things go wrong, they simply sack the coach to appease the disgruntled supporters instead of honestly admitting to them that their 50 cents and other forms of levy, tribute, toll, ransom or tenth, whatever you like to call their contributions, are sinfully wasted.

How long can our soccer go on like this? How long can empty words, vague plans and cosy dinner parties disguise the fact that without basic reforms we have no future and very little present?

REFEREES TO CONFER

The two referees' organisations are to meet soon under the chairmanship of a suitable arbitrator to sort out the problems of junior administration and appointments for junior representative fixtures.

This is the result of a NSW amateur conference last Saturday.

Whether an arbitrator of sufficient calibre is available will be a key factor in a settlement.

The NSW Federation recognises the Federation of Soccer Referees as the State's refereeing body.

The NSW Amateurs granted affiliation to both bodies.

There can be no question of each referees' association including Federation referees again being of equal standing.

The Federation referees have the wider experience.

A system of affiliation of Sydney and country branches to the Federation Referees appears the best available method.

The Sydney Associations Referees could maintain their own organisation, and the same could apply to the country referees' associations in each Branch area.

The Branches could gain benefit from the experience and rulings of the Federation referees.

At branch and junior representative level, sub-committees from branches would handle all appointments.

At State and State junior championship level, appointment sub-committees could be chaired by Federation appointees, aided by a sub-committee of top branch referees.

There is no question of compromising any referee's status, as all strictly speaking are professional.

It is essential that a suitable working structure with junior appointment and technical sub-committees be set up without further delay, otherwise further time will be lost in dealing with machinery tasks. K.G.

Australians have proved themselves to be the world's most expert "menders;" they love patching up old things, tinkering with useless appliances spending hours or days on the job instead of getting rid of it and buying a new one.

"PATCHING-UP"

This "patching-up" mania is symptomatic of our soccer set up.

No organisation or club goes for broke, tries something vastly different and radically new; none is game enough or smart enough to size up the situation and plan for the future.

Ah yes, they all admit that there is something wrong; some even realise where the faults lie.

But none act, as though waiting for a modern-day miracle whereby you wake up one morning and find efficient Federations, tightly organised and expertly run clubs, fine new stadia and tens of thousands queuing up at the turnstiles.

I am convinced of one thing, more than I have ever been convinced of anything: any reform in soccer must come from the clubs.

If they reorganise their structures and resources and tackle the problems in a spirit of enterprise and expertise, we will get somewhere.

If they don't, everything they do — and we do — is a waste of time, money and energy.

Few new talents in Sydney teams

— By LOU GAUTIER —

With the Sydney season already more than three months old no exciting, bright new local talent has yet emerged on the First Division scene.

Clubs have been exceptionally cautious in blood-tough younger players in the tough grind of the competition.

There were many new faces in the Ampol Cup, but as the championship got under way just about every club to date has preferred to rely on what they regard as proven players.

As a result, after five championship rounds only nine local youths have made their first team debut: Volari, Clancy (Yugal), Barboutis, Page, Frakes (Croatia), Tony Edwards, Quedsted, Smith (Melita Eagles) and Burton (St. George).

Of those, however, only Edwards and Quedsted may clinch a more or less steady first team berth.

The brightest new talent of 1968 is Hakoah's right-half Ray Gardiner, but he is Scottish and has only been here a few months.

The Manly youngsters cannot be included in this category since they are automatic new faces in the First Division after winning promotion last year.

This season's lean crop of new talent is an indictment on the talent-scouting and prospecting of the clubs.

This is one vital aspect of the code which has been neglected for far too long.

To make things worse, many clubs seem to get cold feet when it comes to promoting second or third grade players, some of whom have lingered in the reserve grades for years.

One club, which wasn't afraid to take the plunge last year, was Prague when coach Venglos made first

team players of Gary Manuel and Larry Armytage.

In the very last competition match of 1967, Rootsey got his chance in the first team.

Like Manuel and Armytage before him, he grabbed it, and today all three are permanent members of the team.

Stuart Davies of South Coast is another youngster who didn't fluff his big chance in 1967.

He's playing well enough in 1968 to keep none less than Jim Kelly out of the miners' side.

There are many players in our reserve grades only waiting for their big chance.

Among those, the likeliest to make a go of it are Brennan (Melita Eagles), McCue (St. George), Harivel (Hakoah), Gary Burnett (APIA), Bardetta, Vrolyks, Byles (all Pan Hellenic), Miner, Lowrie (Prague), Beard (South Coast) and Woods and Brian of Croatia.

Some have made fleeting first team appearances in the past, but none was persevered with, most of our clubs being notoriously impatient and demanding instant results.

It's all very well for some to claim that young players can't be rushed — "we'll burn them out" is the standard excuse these days — but how can this attitude be justified when some clubs have recalled players from abroad long out of circulation (Hewitt, Schauman, Kelly) or persist in fielding 1958 vintage veterans in 1968?

Meet the players

He started on the wrong foot

— By ALAN SPEERS —

"No, I'll not tell you how I felt," said Ean Cuthbert, "not unless you want me to swear."

"I had watched a game the previous day, and said to myself 'this is going to be easier than you thought'."

"Yet, there I was, flat on my back with a broken ankle..."

Ean Cuthbert is a Scot from Kilmarnock, and though he smiles at the memory now, his introduction to Australian soccer could hardly have been more disastrous.

Playing his first game for South Coast United, a mere 72 hours after stepping off the plane, Cuthbert crashed to the ground at Mona Park, his ankle snapping with a crack clearly audible to spectators in the official enclosure.

The injury was serious enough to sideline him for the rest of the season.

Hardly a happy start for a fellow who's travelled 12,000 miles to join a new club, in a strange country.

Cuthbert, 25, came to Australia at the instigation of Jim Kelly, whose return as coach of South Coast has sparked the team's revival.

"Jim was on the playing staff of Blackpool when I joined them from school at the age of 16," Cuthbert recalls.

"I lost touch with him when he came to Australia, and I moved on to Stockport, then Crewe Alexandra."

"Last year, when I heard he was back in England, I wrote to him asking if he could recommend a club."

"His answer was South Coast, and that's how I come to be here," he said.

Cuthbert's career as a professional soccer player in the UK provided him with some colorful memories.

He tells, for instance, of the day in 1965 when, with 10 Stockport County team mates, he helped scare the daylight out of Bill Shankly's Liverpool team in an FA Cup match.

"We met them at Anfield before 52,000 people — not a huge crowd by English standards, admittedly, but plenty to the blokes from Stockport."

"I'll never forget the first few minutes when Ian Callaghan and I met head-on near the corner flag, and I was bowled over with Callaghan on top."

"As I fell back I saw the thousands of faces in The Kop, as if in slow motion, it seemed."

"We held them to a one-all

draw, but lost 3-1 in the return match at Stockport."

"Liverpool went on to win the Cup."

While at Blackpool, Cuthbert toured Spain during the off-season, playing before 60,000 at Valencia, and also played in Blackpool's match with Sporting Club of Lisbon.

"The tour was fantastic," he says, "though I must admit I was young and impressionable at the time."

Cuthbert's unfortunate debut in Australian soccer has not dampened his enthusiasm for the country.

He has settled down well on the coast, and will soon marry an English girl he met and courted in Crewe.

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Australia Cup

HAKOAH SHOULD CLEAR HURDLE

Sydney's fourth Australia Cup quarter-finalist will be determined tonight (Wednesday, May 8) when Hakoah make their national cup debut against Croatia, narrow 1-0 first round winners over Juventus-Canberra.

One can't go past Hakoah tonight: they should win comfortably and qualify to meet St. George in the next round.

Croatia, never noted as a cup specialist, still haven't clicked this season and it would be asking too much of new coach Vrolyks to expect his charges to knock Hakoah out.

Hakoah are playing with all the poise and confidence of a team which hasn't tasted defeat this season.

They should be far too strong in defence and in attack.

Croatia's stocks will receive a boost if the Cush brothers report fit for the match, but at press time their participation was highly doubtful.

Croatia desperately need greater trust in attack.

Unless they can improve on this, their greatest weakness, Hakoah should grab the initiative right from the kick-off, never to relinquish it.

Likely teams:

Hakoah: Fuzes; Stewart, Hillsdon; Gardiner, Marnoch, D. Yaager; Edmunds, Fekete, Barnett, Baartz, Jones.

Croatia: Corry; Lincoln, Sloan; Curry, Shepherd, Wright; Reynolds, Page, Martin, Giles, Fraser.

LAST WEEK

P. Hellenic v. APIA 1-0

APIA made their quickest-ever exit from the Australia Cup when Pan Hellenic knocked them out 1-0 with a last-minute goal last Wednesday.

Played before a good crowd of 6,414 at the Sydney Sportsground, the match produced typical cup-tie football.

Despite many missed chances on both sides, the match always held the crowd's intense interest, and was any team's for the taking up to the final whistle.

Though APIA dominated the first half, during which they could easily have clinched victory, Pan Hellenic's win bore no discussion.

They were in control for long periods after the interval, forcing the APIA defence to concede corner after corner.

Only poor shooting and inaccurate passing in front of goal kept the slate clean until 30 seconds from full-time just as extra-time seemed inevitable.

The winning goal, ironically, was only a half-chance at best — the result of a tragic mix-up from a Blitz corner in the APIA defence, which until then had handled the more aggressive Pan Hellenic confidently despite the tremendous second half pressure on Taylor's goal.

Pan Hellenic: Clarke; Johnston, Omeros; McCulloch (Laraman), Cole, Westwater; Blitz, Smith, Patrinos, Karyannis, Hignett.

APIA: Taylor; Van Blerk, Ackerley; Hughes, Sambrook, Bottalico; McKinnon, Campana, Giacometti, Santoro, Keddie.

Scorer: Laraman 90 min.

Referee: H. Parsons.

Crowd: 6,414.

— Lou Gautier



FLOTTA LAIRD

P. Hellenic

3 (0)
Karyannis 51 min., Smith 60 and 89 mins.

Canterbury

0 (0)

Polonia

3 (1)
Krawiarz 9 min., 54 min. (penalty), Kulak 85 min.

Yugal

1 (1)
Edwards 7 min.

Croatia

1 (0)
Barbouts 72 min.

A.P.I.A.

1 (0)
Santoro 76 min.

Manly

0 (0)

St. George

3 (2)
Cliss 12 and 18 mins., Warren 76 min.

Melita E.

0 (0)

Hakoah

0 (0)

Prague

1 (0)
Gauto 60 min.

Sth. Coast

1 (0)
Alston 73 min.

Clarke 3; Johnston 4; Omeros 4; McCulloch 3; Cole 4; Westwater 5; Blitz 4, Smith 5, Laraman 3 (replaced Patrinos 40th min.), Karyannis 3, Hignett 3.

TOTAL: 41 Coach: W. Tamandl.

Demopoulos 3; Whitehead 3, Hardy 3; Konstakopoulos 3, Galbraith 3, Stripelis 3; Romanos 3, Rinos 3, Hood 3, Ninaus 2, Paxinos 3.

TOTAL: 32 Coach: G. Polgar.

Drewniak 3; Filok 3, Skiba 4; Adamson 3, Dzialach 5, Komoder 4; Povey 3, Minol 3, Kulak 3, Krawiarz 4, Calphy 2.

TOTAL: 37 Coach: G. Azzopardi

Petrou 2; Nacinovic 3, Crnich 3; P. Clancy 3 (Halpin 4), Banicevic 4, Rafaneli 3; J. Alagich 3, Takac 3, Edwards 3, Lalic 3, Pacanin 3.

TOTAL: 33 Coach: F. Dunaj.

Conry 3; Lincoln 3, Clark 3; Sloan 4, Shepherd 3, Wright 3; Reynolds 4, Page 3, Giles 3, Martin 2 (Barbouts 3), Fraser 3.

TOTAL: 34 Coach: W. Vrolyks.

Taylor 3; Van Blerk 3, Ackerley 3; Hughes 3, Sambrook 3, Bottalico 4; Keddle 2 (Campbell 3), Campana 3, Giacometti 3, Santoro 3, Mc Kinnon 3.

TOTAL: 33 Coach: A. Iglesias.

Dart 3; Hobart 3, Brooks 4; Verrills 3, Jagger 4, Jones 3; Nutt 3, Henry 3, Harris 4, Dobbin 4, Waller 3.

TOTAL: 37 Coach: D. Adrigan

Hopkins 5; Wills 2, Hillary 4; Schaefer 4, Morgan 4, Zuckerman 4; Stegbauer 2, Warren 3, Schauman 4, Cliss 4, Fernandez 3.

TOTAL: 39 Coach: L. Hegyes

Eaton 4; Robinson 4, Bankhead 3; De Bruin 4; Duffy 4, Hewlett 3; Nemet 4, Goldie 3, Azzopardi 4, Smith 3, Quested 4.

TOTAL: 40 Coach: J. Vlasits.

Fuzes 4; Stewart 3, Hillsdon 4; Gardiner 2, Marnoch 4, Yaager 3; Edmunds 5, Fekete 4, Barnett 4, Baartz 4, Jones 3.

TOTAL: 40 Coach: D. Holden

King 4; Harcombe 4, Blacker 3, Zeman 3; Rootsey 4, Scheinflug 4, Gauto 3, Manuel 3, Hoggart 3, Molnar 3, Armytage 3.

TOTAL: 37 Coach: J. Venglos

Ramage 3; Barnes 3, Cuthbert 3, Anderson (sent off), Carr 4, Davies 4, Beattie 3, McGarry 4, Tolson 3, Alston 3, Paterson 3.

TOTAL: 33 Coach: J. Kelly

Match rating: * * *

Pan Hellenic really clapped on the pace after a dull first half. Canterbury were very much in the game until halftime and could even have grabbed the lead with fitter, faster forwards. After the interval, however, there was only one team on the field as Pan Hellenic went about the task of demolishing the Berries. Blitz, Smith, and especially the quicksilver Westwater tore holes in the Canterbury defence, which again ran out of steam and folded up in the last 30 minutes. In the second half Pan Hellenic probably played their best football this year and looked like championship material.

Crowd: 4,275.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * * * *

With great respect to most of the other 20 players who appeared, the key to the whole match was always firmly held by Komoder, Dzialach, and Krawiarz of Polonia. Komoder was on the spot to foil Yugal's early and bright attacks. Dzialach policed the centre approaches with unfaltering judgment, and Krawiarz excelled in the breakaways. A late rally by Yugal was repulsed, as Pacanin could not repeat his early form, and Alagich was left out in the cold. All in all, an absorbing, often entertaining match, in a rugged sort of way.

Crowd: 1,251.

Referee: L. Rae.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Match rating: * *

The match was unbearably dull and mediocre until the last 20 minutes. For the first 70 minutes both APIA and Croatia played more like relegation candidates than two of the glamor teams of 1967. The only highlight of a very disappointing match was the glorious move which brought up Croatia's goal. Once APIA equalised, proceedings livened up a bit, but despite both teams' ardor to snatch the winning goal, the football still left a lot to be desired. Croatia were generally slightly better organised than the disjointed APIA, but both teams sadly lacked sparkle and imagination.

Crowd: 4,000.

Referee: A.R. Brown.

— KEVIN D'ARCY

Match rating: * *

The stiff wind from the nearby sea made good control football almost impossible. The Saints started off like champions and practically bombarded Manly's goal in the first half yet only Cliss could find the target, twice. After half time St. George's game fell away and the team became 11 rather disinterested individuals. Manly, on the other hand, found a new lease of life and with a little luck could have at least narrowed the gap. St. George didn't play like champions — and Manly are certainly far from relegated yet. With one or two strikers they would be certain to escape the drop.

Crowd: 2,200.

Referee: N. Campbell.

— PAUL DEAN

Match rating: * * * *

A draw was a fair result for this rather scrappy encounter. Wind-assisted Hakoah missed quite a few easy chances in the first half, but Melita squandered just as many in the second. Red Edmunds was the only bright spot in a somewhat dejected Hakoah forward line and his speed and accuracy were a constant danger to the Eagles' defence. Melita's gamble with youngsters paid off as both Bobby Smith and Gary Quested combined effectively and the latter was unlucky not to score when his shot hit the base of the post with Fuzes well beaten.

Crowd: 2,438.

Referee: G. Naylor.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Match rating: * * * *

South Coast, fresh from upsetting APIA at Woonona, showed the win was no fluke with a spirited display against the cultured Prague. The visitors have shown remarkable improvement under Jim Kelly, and hustled Prague out of their stride in anything but ideal conditions. Running before the wind in the first half, South Coast came close to scoring twice, but were thwarted by the agile King, and seemed to have the job ahead when they changed over. Their fate seemed sealed with Gauto's goal, which was followed closely by Anderson's dismissal from the field, but Alston, capping an impressive showing deservedly equalised.

Crowd: 2,800.

Referee: P. Rampley.

— ALAN SPEERS

Walter Tamandl: "I was a worried coach at halftime. After the interval, however, the boys lifted their game and played like true competition leaders."

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Gynla Polgar: "We faded again in the second half after more than holding our own in the first 45 minutes. Once the players become fitter, better results will automatically follow."

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George Azzopardi: "We are still improving, and this gives us two more valuable points. Frankly, I would have preferred less robustness, and more scientific football".

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Ferdo Dunaj: "Before that harsh penalty the game was even. No excuses, but we could not overcome that handicap. From there on Polonia was the better side."

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Bill Vrolyks: "Though the match left a lot to be desired, I was pleased at our boys' evident improvement on recent displays. The defence played well, but our forwards are still very perfectible."

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Adanto Iglesias: "The APIA players were visibly tired after last Wednesday's tough Australia Cup match. A fresher, fitter APIA would have beaten this very ordinary Croatia."

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Denes Adrigan: "We didn't deserve to lose. In the second half we had four or five chances to score and the Saints were in trouble."

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Laurie Hegyes: "We won — that's the nicest thing I can say about the team. They played very poorly. I'm mystified about their form."

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Joe Vlasits: "Melita played a very good game and this was a satisfactory result. Our tactics worked well and I never had any doubt about the result."

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Doug Holden: "The elements did not suit our players and marred the game as a spectacle. We missed a few chances, but goalie Eaton was remarkable."

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Joe Venglos: "We had plenty of chances to win, particularly as we held them against the strong wind in the first half. South Coast played hard, but fair, football, but we should never have allowed them to be in the position to equalise."

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Jim Kelly: "I thought Coast was always the better side, and we could easily have led 2-0 at halftime. Only King's goalkeeping kept Prague in the match till then, and we would have been most unlucky to have gone home empty handed."

PAN HELLENIC MAY GO FURTHER AHEAD

— By LOU GAUTIER —

This weekend's round is easily the most interesting and important so far this season.

In the only Saturday match, the bottom two teams, Canterbury and Manly, meet at Arlington Oval.

Sunday's five-match program is dominated by the clash between the undefeated Pan Hellenic and Hakoah at Wentworth Park and APIA's tie with Prague.

Our previews for the weekend:

Canterbury v. Manly

This battle of the wooden-spooners will be heavy in consequences for both winner and loser.

Beaten by the same score last week, Canterbury and Manly need a big shake-up before it's too late.

Playing at home, the Berries have a second to none chance to win another two points on Saturday.

They showed possibilities in the first half against Pan Hellenic last weekend before again running out of steam.

In Ninaus, Hood and Rinos, Canterbury have the strikers to get past Manly's inexperienced defenders.

Manly will put up their usual gallant fight, but their weakness in attack must again limit their ambitions.

At best, Manly may force a draw, but we expect Canterbury to get up and win narrowly.

South Coast v. Melita Eagles

South Coast come up against a Melita defence which rose to great heights last Sunday to hold Hakoah scoreless.

Melita will need to repeat last week's form to stand even a small chance of coming away from Woonona with a point.

The provincials are a formidable proposition at home where their forwards have swept all before them this year.

Melita Eagles, however, appear to have the tenacious defence to make the United attack work harder than they've had to so far this year.

The Sydneysiders' forward-line, however, is so inadequate that their chances for victory are almost nil.

The best Melita can hope for against a top opponent is a goalless draw until their forward-line matches their defence in ability and efficiency.

McGarry, Alston and Tolson, on their favorite hunting ground, should send their fans home happy once again.

St. George v. Polonia

Saints, despite their clear-cut win at Manly, were anything but impressive and still have a long way to go before reaching their best form of 1967.

Polonia, defying all the critics who earlier had tipped them as likely relegation bait, are well entrenched in the first four.

Sunday's match at Hurstville will be a significant test for both teams.

Saints must win, and win well, if they want to prove they're on the way back to

better things while Polonia's stocks would rise even more sharply if they added the scalp of last year's Grand Final winners.

St. George still have to win at home this season but Polonia have a 100 per cent away record this year.

Polonia will again pin their hopes on the breakaways of their clever forwards and will depend on stopper Dzialach, playing better than ever this year, to curb the Cliss-inspired St. George attack.

This match may well end in a draw, satisfying both sides though Saints have more to lose than Polonia, whose excellent start has even surprised their most ardent fans.

Yugal v. Croatia

The traditional cut-throat clash between these two bitter rivals will lift the winner out of the relegation zone, even if only temporarily.

Croatia have shown slight signs of improvement in their last two outings, but will be at a disadvantage on Sunday, having played an Australia Cup match against Hakoah midweek.

Yugal, still chasing their first win after trouncing APIA in the first round, have had a shocking run of outs, but are due for a change of luck.

They certainly can play better than they've done lately.

The speed and dash of Alagich and Edwards may prove too much for the slower-moving Croatia defence which seems to have lost much of the methodical coolness which made their strength in the past.

Usually, Croatia brings the best out of Yugal, and though current form suggests Croatia

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may have the edge, we have a hunch Yugal will win an exciting, tense match narrowly.

Pan Hellenic v. Hakoah

The season's biggest crowd should fill Wentworth Park, weather permitting, for the clash between these two unbeaten teams.

Their championship successes have transformed Pan Hellenic into a confident, solid leader with all-round strength and an indomitable

Unless the Hakoah skipper is at the peak of his form and his co-defenders at their best, they could be swamped by the nippy Pan Hellenic forwards.

Hakoah can win this match if they put the speed of winger Edmunds and Baartz's punch to good use.

Otherwise, Pan Hellenic should control the midfield and their forwards could put the finishing touches to Hakoah's first defeat of the season.

This is not an easy match to predict, but Pan Hellenic's stamina may gain the upper hand.

APIA v. Prague

APIA are still lingering in the middle of the table, they hope for a dramatic recovery not having materialised at this stage.

Though the season is still young, APIA will have to get moving quickly, or they can kiss their prospects for another championship win goodbye.

So far this year, APIA haven't done much to indicate they are anything like the force which dominated Sydney soccer for the last three seasons.

Their defence has slowed down noticeably while their forwards, mainly because Giacometti's dash and scoring prowess have been absent, have made little impression.

Prague haven't quite set the world on fire, but their football is a pleasure to watch and they can hold their own with any team in the competition.

This is exactly what we expect them to do on Sunday despite the Lambert Park crowd's pro-APIA exhortations.

If Prague stay calm, refuse to be hustled and play their usual intelligent brand of football, they may come away with at least a draw.



D. YAAGER
(Hakoah)

will to retain its unbeaten record.

They will need all these qualities against Hakoah in what promises to be an uncompromising, all-action 90-minute battle.

Stronger in defence, Hakoah need a big improvement in attack to toss their opponents.

Pan Hellenic's forwards have never played better, especially Smith and Blitz.

The more mobile, free-scoring Pan Hellenic attack will thoroughly test Marnoch's hard-tackling Hakoah defence.

VITAL STATISTICS

Yugal v. Croatia: 4-1-5

Last year Croatia had a good innings, winning both ties 3-2 and 5-0.

However, they still have a big debt to repay: in 1966 they lost 7-1.

APIA v. Prague: 10-3-9

In the last two years APIA's domination was embarrassing: they won all four championship matches, for an aggregate total of 19-1.

Overall, these two teams have a pretty even record against each other and a Prague win would completely even the score.

Canterbury v. Manly

They have never before met in a championship match. Manly are doing slightly better away from home while Canterbury prefer to play at Arlington.

S. Coast v. Melita: 1-0-1

South Coast have just started on their way to their fourth goal century: so far in all Federation championships they have

scored 301 goals for 160 points.

Melita loom as the championship's draw specialists.

Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic: 4-5-5

Last year Hakoah rescued only one of the four points, drawing 1-1 and losing 1-0.

Both are unbeaten this championship; in fact, Hakoah have not tasted defeat of any kind this year at all, winning the Ampol Cup unbeaten, scoring in Melbourne and having gone through six championship rounds with four wins and two draws.

St. George v. Polonia: 4-2-2

Polonia have not won since 1961 — though admittedly for three seasons on and off they played in the lower division.

The match will have a special significance for John Warren, the St. George skipper: it will be his 201st First Division match of any kind.

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CROWDS

Last weekend's attendance: 16,964.
Average per match: 2,824.
Attendance after six rounds: 92,007.
Weekly average attendance: 15,334.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

HOPKINS (St. George)		
HARCOMBE (Prague)	DZIALACH (Polonia)	BROOKS (Manly)
SLOAN (Croatia)		WESTWATER (Pan Hellenic)
SMITH (Pan Hellenic)		KRAWIARZ (Polonia)
EDMUNDS (Hakoah)	SCHAUMAN (St. George)	QUESTED (Melita Eagles)

FIRST DIVISION REFEREES

Canterbury v. Manly — A. Faraone; SCU v. Melita Eagles — N. Jones; Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic — A. Boskovic; St. George v. Polonia — M. Buchanan; Yugal v. Croatia — K. Lockrey; APIA v. Prague — H. Parsons.

LEADING SCORERS

Smith (Pan Hellenic) 8
Alston (SCU) 7
Cliss (St. George) 6
G. Manuel (Prague) 6
Karyannis (P. Hellenic) 5
Kulak (Polonia) 5
Armytage (Prague) 4
Baartz (Hakoah) 4
McGarry (SCU) 4

RESULT SCOREBOARD

FIRST DIVISION	APIA	St. George	Croatia	P. Hellenic	Hakoah	Canterbury	Prague	Polonia	Yugal	Melita Eagles	S. Coast Utd.	Manly
APIA	●	1-0			2-2							
St. George		●		1-1			1-3				1-0	
Croatia	1-1		●		0-2							2-0
Pan Hellenic		2-1	●	●		3-0			4-1			3-1
Hakoah					●		4-3				3-1	
Canterbury	1-4				1-2	●				2-1		
Prague							●		3-0		1-1	
Polonia			1-0	1-3			2-2	●	3-1			
Yugal	3-0								●	0-1		3-3
Melita Eagles		2-2			0-0			1-3		●		
South Coast	3-1		7-1			7-2					●	
Manly		0-3					1-2		0-1			●



ROUND THE WORLD

Olympic games tournament

The following countries have already qualified for the Olympic tournament in Mexico in October: Hungary, the holders, Mexico, the hosts, Bulgaria, Spain, Japan, Israel, Thailand, Colombia and Brazil. The following qualifying ties still have to be completed: USSR v. Czechoslovakia, France v. Austria, Guinea v. Algeria, Morocco v. Ghana, Guatemala v. Costa Rica and San Salvador v. Trinidad.

US World Cup plans

The Americans are taking their World Cup commitments seriously for the first time. A national team, which will include a majority of naturalized players, will assemble in September under a coach still to be appointed. Later in the year the national team will undertake a world tour to prepare for its North-Central American Group qualifying matches.

De Gaulle says "non"

General de Gaulle will not attend this year's French Cup final in Paris. The president of France traditionally presents the cup to the winners. It is felt in France that de Gaulle broke tradition this year to show his displeasure over the catastrophic results of the national team.

Palmeiras - Estudiantes Cup final

Estudiantes de la Plata (Argentina) and Palmeiras (Brazil) will meet in the final of the South American Champions' Cup. Palmeiras beat Penarol with a 3-0 aggregate in the semis while Estudiantes qualified at Racing Buenos Aires' expense though the teams played a 1-1 draw in the play-off match. Estudiantes got through to the final because they won 3-0 at home and only lost 0-2 away.

Ten million European players

According to figures published in the UEFA 1968 Yearbook, there were 10,968,740 registered soccer players in its 33 affiliated countries this year. In 1964 the number of players in Europe totalled 8,290,561.

Losi's free transfer

AS Roma's skipper, Losi, has been granted a free transfer for services rendered to the club in his 13-year Roman career. Losi, 33, is expected to turn to coaching, or he may finish his playing days in a Second Division club.



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A Korean communist monthly, published in Tokyo, claimed recently that it was very doubtful whether North Korea would take part in the next World Cup. North Korea, the publication stated, was considering withdrawing from every world sporting body on political grounds.

● Ole Madsen, Sparta Rotterdam's Danish international centre-forward, returns to Copenhagen at the end of the season. Madsen scored 41 goals for Denmark and was one of Denmark's stars at the 1960 Olympics where they reached the final.

● Spain's ban on foreign players will only be lifted on May 1 1970, just before the World Cup in Mexico.

● Ferencvaros coach, Karoly Lakat, is now a doctor of philosophy. The Hungarian First Division has been described as one of Europe's most intellectual. Six players and two coaches are university graduates.

● Celtic have returned the European Cup trophy. Jock Stein deposited the silver cup at the English FA headquarters in London last week where it will be exhibited until the final at Wembley on May 29.

● The two Dutch clubs, Fortuna Geelen and Sittardia, will amalgamate next season. Both are heavily in debt and only attracting small crowds.

● Helmut Haller, Bologna's German international winger, will play for Napoli next season.

● Real Madrid players will receive a \$1,000 bonus each if they eliminate Manchester United in the European Cup semifinals.

● Josip Skoblar, Hannover's Yugoslav winger, will return to play in France next season. Skoblar was the star of the 1966-67 French season when he played for Marseille.

● Djalma Santos, Brazil's famous fullback, has reconsidered his decision to retire. Santos, 39, is almost certain to be selected in the Brazilian team to tour Europe next month.

● Crusaders' 2-0 win over Linfield in the final of the Northern Irish Cup has been described as one of the greatest surprises ever in Northern Irish sport.

● Schalke 04 of West Germany have signed the Austrian international forward Hasil, from Rapid. Hasil's countryman, Geyer, on the other hand, returns from Frankfurt to rejoin Sportklub Wien.

● The two Seville clubs, Sevilla FC and Betis, have been relegated in Spain where Bilbao's Uriarte is the leading goalscorer for 1967-68 with 22 goals.

● In West Germany, Karlsruhe and Borussia Neunkirchen will be relegated to the regional league, the latter after only one season in the Bundesliga.

● Hearts of Midlothian will play six matches in Israel and in Cyprus later this month while Celtic will meet Inter Milan in New York on May 26 and in Toronto on June 1.

● France defeated Austria 3-1 in Paris last Wednesday in the first leg of their Olympic final qualifying tie. The return match is in Vienna next weekend.

● Stefan Nesticki, captain of Yugoslavia's under-23 team was killed in a car accident on his way back from Novisad where he had been the best player in the international against Czechoslovakia, which Yugoslavia won 2-1.

● A group of Torino fans attacked their players after their fourth consecutive defeat, by Napoli, last week. Three players and six supporters were injured in the wild scuffle.

● Ocwirk will stay in Vienna. Last week he resigned to coach FK Austria for another season.

● FC Nurnberg, the globe-trotting West German club, will undertake their 12th overseas tour in June. This time they'll play in North and Central America. FC Nurnberg have visited every continent except Australia.

● Victorio Casa is the big attraction of the American team St. Louis. The Argentinian right-half only has one arm, yet is one of the side's star players.

● Wiener SK, the Austrian team is now coached by their former international player, Barschandt.

● FC Bruges of Belgium have paid \$40,000 to Orebro for their Swedish international winger Lars Turesson.

● Ferenc Bene, the Ujpest and Hungary star forward, is still injured and may miss even the return European Championship match against Russia.

● In case you're interested: Bluebirds is the familiar nickname of Cardiff City. They play in blue outfits and their emblem is, fittingly, a bird.

● Gerry Baker, Coventry City's inside-forward, may play for the USA in the World Cup. The former Manchester City player was born in New York City and has an American passport though he has lived in Britain for most of his life. Baker is the brother of Nottingham centre-forward Joe — who, however, was born in Scotland and has been "capped" for England.

● Four "recent visitors" to Australia played in the Czechoslovak team that beat Yugoslavia 3-0 a fortnight ago. They were Horvath and Jokl (Bratislava), Kvasnak (Sparta) and Vesely (Slavia).

● The "old internationals" of Hungary and Yugoslavia will play two matches, in Belgrade and in Budapest. Former stars likely to appear include Bozsik, Grosics, Hidegkuti, Szusza of Hungary, Vukas, Bobek, Milutinovic and Zebec of Yugoslavia.

● Swiss referee Dienst described the Naples crowd at the recent Italy v. Bulgaria match as "incredibly enthusiastic, noisy but fair and correct."

● Max Merkel's tough, often tactless methods are said to be causing a great deal of rift in West Germany's champion-elect team, FC Nurnberg. The ironical part is that Merkel is not even a humorless Russian, but an Austrian, famed for their easy-going, relaxed ways.

● The first home match of the Dallas Tornados in the North American Soccer League drew a crowd of only 1,504. And they lost 2-1 to the New York Generals. And a world tour preceded their season...

● Last Saturday was the first time ever that Hungary could score more than one goal against the Russians when they beat them 2-0 in Budapest. This was only the Hungarians' second win over their hoodoo team in nine full internationals. The second leg of the match in the European Championship quarterfinal will be on Saturday, in Moscow.

Austria has new coach

A Slovak, Leopold Stasny, has been appointed coach of the Austrian national team for its World Cup elimination matches. Stasny comes from Bratislava, but has been coaching Wacker Innsbruck for many years. He is rated as the best coach operating in Austria.

Scottish Player of the Year

Gordon Wallace, Raith Rovers' centre-forward, has been chosen as Scotland's Player of the Year. Wallace scored 27 of Raith's 58 goals this season. George Niven, Partick Thistle's goalie, was the runner-up, and Bobby Lennox of Celtic filled third place.

Asian Cup finals

Hong Kong, Iran, Burma, Nationalist China and Israel are taking part in the finals of the Asian Cup which start in Teheran, Iran, this weekend. The final will be played on May 20. The opening match on Thursday, May 9, is between Iran and Hong Kong.

SCOREBOARD

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (quarterfinal): Hungary v. USSR 2-0 (first leg).

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP (semifinals): Cardiff City v. Hamburger SV 2-3 (Cardiff — Hamburg qualifies for final); AC Milan v. Bayern Munchen 2-0 (first leg).

FAIR CITIES CUP (semifinals): Dundee v. Leeds 1-1 (first leg).

OLYMPIC QUALIFIER: France v. Austria 3-1 (first leg).

INTERNATIONALS: Poland v. Holland 0-0; Austria v. Rumania 1-1; Luxembourg v. Belgium 0-1; England v. Hungary 4-0 (under-23); Sweden v. East Germany 0-1 (under-23); Czechoslovakia v. Yugoslavia 3-0.

BELGIUM: Beveren Waas v. Bruges 1-2; Olympic Charleroi v. Lierse 3-0; Beringen v. Anderlecht 2-0; Racing White v. Waregem 2-0; FC Liege v. Beerschot 1-0; Antwerp v. Standard Liege 0-0; Malines v. SC Charleroi 0-1; Daring Brussels v. St. Trond 0-1.

Table: Anderlecht 43; Bruges 41; Standard Liege 38; St. Trond, Waregem 30.

BULGARIA: Spartak Sofia v. CSKA 2-1; Beroe v. Levski 1-1; Lokomotiva Sofia v. Maritza 1-0; Botev Bourgas v. Slavia Sofia 1-2; Slivene v. Trakia 2-1; Miners v. Cernomore 1-1; Plovdiv v. Spartak Plevne 3-1; Botev Vratza v. Dobroudja 5-0.

Table: Levski 31; CSKA, Lokomotiva Sofia 30; Spartak Sofia 24.

GREECE: AEK v. Olympiakos Volos 5-1; Egaleo v. Iraklis 5-1; Apollon v. Olympiakos Piraeus 0-2; Aris v. Verroia 1-0; Panionios v. Vyzas 1-0; Panserraikos v. Pierikos 1-0; Prodeftiki v. PAOK 2-2; Olympiakos Cyprus v. Panathinaikos 1-2; Panelefsinaikos v. Ethnikos 1-0.

HOLLAND: Volendam v. DWS 1-1; Feyenoord v. Sittardia 5-1; DOS v. MVV 1-0; Telstar v. Twente 4-1; Go Ahead v. PSV 5-1; ADO v. DHC 0-2; Ajax v. GVVAV 3-1; NAC v. NEC 0-0; Fortuna v. Sparta 1-0.

ITALY: Atalanta v. Bologna 1-0; Brescia v. Vicenza 0-0; Cagliari v. Torino 2-0; Inter Milan v. Napoli 1-2; Juventus v. Sampdoria 3-1; AS Roma v. AC Milan 1-1; Varese v. Mantova 1-1.

Table: AC Milan 44; Napoli 36; Juventus 34; Inter Milan, Fiorentina 33.

POLAND: Ruch v. Gwardia 6-2; Stal v. Pogon 3-0; Gornik v. Katowice 3-1; Legia v. Slask 1-0; LSK v. Szombierki 1-0; Odra Opole v. Zagłębie 0-2; Polonia Bytom v. Wisla 0-0.

Table: Ruch 30; Legia 29; Gornik Zabrze 25; Polonia Bytom, Zagłębie 22.

PORTUGAL: Porto v. Benfica 1-1; Sporting Lisbon v. Setubal 0-1; Academica v. Belenenses 3-1; Guimaraes v. Braga 2-0; Varzim v. Barreirense 5-1; Sanjoanense v. Leixoes 2-3; CUF v. Tirsense 5-0.

Table: Benfica 39; Sporting Lisbon 37; Porto, Setubal 34; Academica 33.

SWITZERLAND: FC Basel v. Chaux-de-Fonds 1-4; Lugano v. FC Zurich 0-1; Grasshoppers v. Young Boys 4-1; Grenchen v. Lausanne 0-7; Lucerne v. Biel 2-1; Servette Geneva v. Bellinzona 2-1; Young Fellows v. Sion 0-3.

Table: FC Zurich, Lugano 30; Grasshoppers 29; Lausanne, FC Basel 27.

YUGOSLAVIA: OFK Belgrade v. Rijeka 0-0; Zagreb v. Red Star 2-3; Proleter v. Hajduk 2-3; Zvezda Skopje v. Olimpija 1-1; Velez v. Zeljeznicar 1-3; Partizan v. Vojvodina 3-2; Maribor v. Radnicki Nis 0-2; Sarajevo v. Dinamo Zagreb 1-0.

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FANS TURN COLD ON TROUBLED JUVENTUS

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Adelaide Juventus, the club which holds the SA record for premiership wins, have fallen on hard times.

In a disastrous start to the 1968 league season, Juventus have lost two of their three games and are currently languishing in seventh position.

The stormy beginning was punctuated by the resignation of coach Mario Danieli, and the appointment of Antonio Monti as acting-coach.

Danieli's resignation was accepted after Juventus lost to Enfield-Victoria.

Monti, a former physical education director with First Division club Ramplas Jun-

iors (Uruguay), took over last week but Juventus failed against Polonia.

The club chairman, Guido Voivodich, said the committee would watch the progress of the team for some time before making a permanent appointment.

He discounted rumors that former coach, Mario Corti, would be recalled from Melbourne Juventus.

Unrest is rife not only amongst disgruntled supporters but also among the players.

I believe the major bone of contention troubling the "old" players is that many of the latest imports are receiving higher rewards.

The cheers of fans who gloried in last year's premiership victory have, this season, turned to jeers.

Juventus were hooted off the field following their loss to Enfield-Victoria and last week were greeted by stoney silence as they ran on to play Polonia.

The fact that former Australian international, Steve Herczeg and former player Alvaro Oliveira, were dropped from the team, added fuel to the fires of discontent.

And, inexplicably, Monti replaced Manuel Cruz, who hit the post twice with menacing drives, with Severino Zamprognio at half time.

Juventus' chances of pulling out of their slump on Saturday are not bright because they meet WA Hellas who are unbeaten and playing confidently.

Big stadium for Wyhalla?

The Northern Areas Association has approached the B.H.P. Company's Community Development Committee for financial assistance to erect a \$60,000 soccer stadium at Wyhalla, South Australia.

The proposed stadium would be built in Norrie Avenue.

The stadium, envisaged to be completed in five years, would have cantilever stands and have accommodation for 15,000 spectators.

Adelaide Polonia have agreed to play a combined Wyhalla side, chosen from their seven clubs, at the end of the league season.

Whyalla Wanderers, the first club to be formed in the booming soccer city, recently opened a new \$12,000 clubroom.

It's "Never on Sunday," in Adelaide. The SA Federation's application to play the Australia Cup game between WA Hellas and Perth Azzurri on a Sunday, has been refused by the State Government.

— Alan Crisp

Stood down

The Referees' Appointment Board of three members which is an integral part of the Victorian Soccer Federation seems to have a peculiar streak in their method of selection for the weekend games.

Some of Victoria's leading whistlers including leading Lou Straface and Dave Maitland have been stood down recently without a game while others have had appointments both on Saturday and Sunday.

While the three-man panel are certainly getting around at the weekend games and weighing up the pros and cons of those in charge of matches, their "back seating" of top referees is rather odd and

— Bob Low

INTERSTATE SCORES

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Second Division: Parra Hills v. Campbelltown 3-1, Sturt v. Azzurri 3-0, Pt. Adelaide v. Birkalla 1-2, Budapest v. Don 8-0, Malta v. Windsor 2-2.

TASMANIA

South Hobart v. Eagles 1-0, South Hobart v. Calles 1-4, Croatia v. Rapids 0-3, University v. Olympia 0-8, North: Spartans v. Ulverstone 2-1, Devonport v. Rovers 3-2.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Kiev v. Athena 6-0, Swan Valley v. Windmills 0-1, Croatia v. Swan Athletic 3-2, Olympic v. Cottesloe 3-2.

QUEENSLAND

Merton v. St. Helens 1-2, Azzurri v. Coalstars 1-0, Oxley v. Latrobe 6-1, Grange-Thistle v. Polonia 4-1.

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Juventus v. Monaro 1-1, Queanbeyan v. Burns 2-1, Concordia v. Olympic 3-3, Croatia v. Cooma 0-0.

WITH THE AMATEURS

Ryde rising from bottom of ladder

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Despite the loss of two players, one of whom received marching orders 10 minutes from the kick-off, Ryde took a point from second-placed Artarmon last Saturday.

With both their teams comprised of local youngsters, mainly 18 year-olds, Ryde are starting to move away from the bottom of the table.

The game was a fiery affair.

Centre-half Alan Morgan, 22, marshalled the Ryde side like a veteran.

Their other outstanding player was young goalkeeper John Clarkson, who gave a spectacular display to hold the experienced Artarmon forwards at bay.

Thistle gained three points from a draw with Belmore and a 5-0 win over Eastside-MTK in their two week-end matches.

Eastside, after suffering at the hands of Thistle on Saturday, completely reversed their form on Sunday, and brought back two points from their journey out to Francis Park, Blacktown with a 5-2 win.

The game was won by MTK's forwards, who maintained superiority over Blacktown's rearguard.

Peter Weiner, normally a half, went up to lead the forward line, and nodded in twice.

Enmore (Second Division) and Condell Park (Third Division) are holding one point leads over their nearest rivals for the leadership.

At the delightful Asquith Oval ground on Saturday, the visiting Newtown Progressive side gained the points with a 5-4 win.

The game was much above Fourth Division standard, particularly in the first half, when six picture goals were scored four by Ku-ring-gai and two by the visitors.

After 11 years as an Association, Ku-ring-gai have many players with First Division clubs from first to third grades, and is longing for the chance to have their players representing the district in an increasing standard of football.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
Thistle v. Eastside-MTK 5-0 1-2
Ryde v. Artarmon 0-0 1-6
Sth. Sydney v. Wenty 1-2 3-3
Belmore v. Thistle 2-2 7-2
Blacktown v. E'side-MTK 2-5 1-0
Lidcombe v. Concordia 1-2 3-2
Marrickville v. NSW Uni. 1-2 4-0

SECOND DIVISION
St. Marys v. Sydney Uni. 2-2 2-1
Yagoona v. Gynea 3-2 3-1
Kewpies v. Penrith 1-1 7-0
Riverside v. Enmore 0-6 2-5
Auburn v. Warringah 1-2 3-4
Guildford v. Arncliffe 2-0 3-2

THIRD DIVISION
G'ville-H'by v. F'field-K. 6-0 4-3
Condell P. v. Rovers 4-3 4-1
S'field v. W. Ryde 1-4 3-1
Revesby v. Greenacre 6-1 2-0

FOURTH DIVISION
Ku-ring-gai v. Newtown 4-5 4-0
Central U. v. Bev'ly Hills 1-5 0-1
Maroubra v. Chelsea 2-2 2-0
P'stow Park v. Prospect 3-1 12-0
L'pool Eagles v. C'town 0-3 1-9

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, MAY 11

First Division: Artarmon v. Blacktown — Artarmon Oval, Lidcombe v. NSW Uni. — Coleman Park.
Second Division: Sydney University v. Kewpies — St. Paul's Oval, Arncliffe Scots v. Auburn Juniors — Cahill Park.
Third Division: Rovers Juniors v. All Stars — Loftus Oval.
Fourth Division: Ku-ring-gai v. Padstow Park — Asquith Oval, Beverly Hills v. Liverpool Eagles — Scarborough Park.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

First Division: Concordia v. Belmore — Steel Park, Thistle v. Ryde — Bankstown Soccer Centre, Eastside-MTK v. South Sydney — Moore Park, Wenty Waratahs v. Marrickville — Jones Park.
Second Division: Warringah v. St. Marys — Dee Why Oval, Pen-

rith v. Riverside — Jamison Park, Enmore v. Yagoona — Mackey Park, Gynea v. Guildford — Grays Point.
Third Division: Fairfield-Kiev v. Smithfield — Knight's Park, West Ryde v. Dee Why — Meadowbank No. 3, Greenacre v. Condell Park — Allum Park.
Fourth Division: Chelsea v. Central United — Moore Park, Prospect v. Maroubra — Jardine Park, Newtown v. Campbelltown — Outer Wentworth Park.

Sydney Juniors

The Sydney Metropolitan championships for Sydney juniors started with a bang last weekend, when the cream of the juniors matched their skills competing for the coveted Metropolitan Medallion.

Lads ranging from under-8 years to under-21 and All-Age, from 14 junior associations are taking part.

Selected from almost 51,000 boys in the Metropolitan area, the successful teams at the conclusion of the championships will represent Sydney in the State Finals in August.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS & TABLES

All-Age: Canterbury 4 drew Ku-ring-gai 4; Wests 5 d. Sutherland 1; Bankstown Bye. **Under-21:** Sutherland 1 drew Wests 1; Gladesville 8 d. Manly 1; Granville 4 d. Canterbury 1. **Under-18:** Ku-ring-gai 2 d. Canterbury 1; Manly 3 drew St. George 3; Sutherland 5 d. Wests 2. **Under-16:** Bankstown 5 d. Canterbury 4; Norths 1 drew Ku-ring-gai 1; Sth. Districts 3 d. Manly 0; St. George 8 d. Gladesville 4; Sutherland 2 d. Wests 1. **Under-15:** Easts 1 drew Bankstown 1; Granville 3 d. Ku-ring-gai 1; Manly 1 d. Nepean 0; Gladesville 6 d. St. George 0; Wests 2 d. Sutherland 1. **Under-14:** Bankstown 13 d. Canterbury 0; Granville 1 d. Ku-ring-gai 0; Manly 9 d. Nepean 0; Gladesville 9 d. St. George 2; Wests 1 drew Sutherland 1. **Under-13:** Bankstown 2 d. St. George 0; Granville 4 d. Ku-ring-gai 0; Nepean 2 d. Norths 1; Sutherland 8 d. Canterbury 3; Manly 2 d. Gladesville 1; Wests won on forfeit from Easts. **Under-12:** Bankstown 1 drew St. George 1; Granville 2 d. Ku-ring-gai 1; Nepean 1 d. Norths 0; Sth. Districts Bye; Sutherland won on forfeit from Canterbury; Gladesville 4 d. Manly 1; Wests won on forfeit from Easts. **Under-11:** Bankstown 4 d. St. George 1; Ku-ring-gai 1 d. Granville 0; Nepean 1 drew Norths 1; Sutherland 3 drew Canterbury 3; Wests 6 d. Easts 1; Gladesville Bye. **Under-10:** Bankstown 3 d. St. George 0; Ku-ring-gai 3 d. Granville 1; Nepean 3 d. Norths 0; Sutherland 2 d. Canterbury 0; Gladesville 1 drew Manly 1; Wests 3 d. Easts 2; **Under-9:** Bankstown 1 d. St. George 0; Granville 2 d. Ku-ring-gai 1; Nepean 0 drew Norths 0; Sutherland 2 d. Canterbury 0; Sth. Districts 1 d. Gladesville 0; Easts 1 drew Wests 1. **Under-8:** Bankstown 0 drew St. George 0; Granville 2 d. Ku-ring-gai 0; Nepean 2 d. Norths 0; Canterbury 3 d. Sutherland 0; Gladesville 1 drew Manly 1; Sth. Districts 0 drew Wests 0.

UNDER-16
Sth. Districts 4 1 16 0 9
St. George 4 1 12 12 8
Bankstown 4 1 17 9 8
Manly 2 2 1 6 7 6
Canterbury 2 2 15 11 4
Wests 2 2 8 7 4
Sutherland 2 3 9 12 4
Gladesville 1 4 11 19 2
Manly 1 4 3 19 2
Ku-ring-gai 1 4 4 15 1

UNDER-15
Bankstown 4 1 17 5 9
Wests 4 1 13 4 9
Gladesville 4 1 19 5 8
Easts 2 2 1 11 8 6
Granville 3 2 13 10 6
Manly 2 2 1 7 6 6
St. George 2 3 9 21 4
Sutherland 1 4 7 16 2
Ku-ring-gai 5 3 12 0
Nepean 5 1 13 0

UNDER-14
Sutherland 4 1 21 5 9
Bankstown 4 1 16 3 8
Manly 4 1 13 6 8
Gladesville 3 2 17 10 6
Granville 3 2 10 17 6
Wests 2 1 1 3 4 5
St. George 1 4 11 25 2
Nepean 1 4 5 15 2
Canterbury 1 3 3 22 2
Ku-ring-gai 5 1 22 0

CROATIA SHOULD RISE AGAIN SOON

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Slated and on the verge of being written off after an inauspicious opening to their State League program, Croatia hardly deserve the harsh words said about them.

Some people have short memories. For it's only about six weeks that those who are now rubbishing them hailed them after their great Ampol Cup win.

They would do well to remember that in winning the Cup they were subjected to great strain and in addition the considerable calls made by Victoria and to a lesser degree by Australia on some of their players for additional training and matches have helped to rub the edge of the Croatia side.

Harder hit by injuries since the start of 1968 than any other team has not exactly helped their cause and of the 18 matches they have played since the beginning of the year, more than a few times they have taken the field with players who have been "doctored up" in a bid to retain their match-winning combination.

The Croatia management realise they have weaknesses in their side.

The fact that they are bringing at least four new players from England in the very near future proves they are intent on once again proving themselves as formidable challengers in the State League competition.

So don't write Croatia off.

They are going through a spell which must be disappointing to their fans.

But with so much talent in their ranks backed up with a determination to do well, they must surely get back on the rails pretty soon.

Latest newcomer to the Slavia ranks, inside forward Jim Gildea from the Ayrshire junior club Ardrossan Winton Rovers, hardly evokes more than normal interest by virtue of his former status in Scotland.

Slavia, however, are not perturbed as they have happy recollections of another player they had recruited from Ardrossan seven years ago — Tommy Harper, an inside forward who gave them great service, played in their 1963 Australia Cup-winning side, gained two Dockerty Cup medals with the Port Melbourne club and who was recently released free of charge by Slavia to a leading side in Hobart where he is now working.

Tommy Harper may not go down in history as the best player ever in Victorian soccer.

But no player had a bigger heart.

And if Jim Gildea turns out as good, then Slavia have made a real capture.

INTER-STATE SOCCER

VICTORIAN RESULTS

Wilhelmina 2 (Hamlett, Atkins) v. JUST 0; Alexander 3 (Mangopoulos 2, Bousoulas) v. Juventus 0; George Cross 1 (Hodgson) v. Lions 0; Slavia 0 v. SM Hellas 0; Hakoah 1 (Armstrong) v. Polonia 1 (Swoboda); Croatia 2 (McIntyre, Voltek) v. Melbourne-HSC 1 (Abonyi).

VIC. TABLE

Hakoah	4	1	0	13	3	9
George Cross	3	2	0	12	5	8
Slavia	2	3	0	8	5	7
Hellas	2	2	1	7	5	8
Alexander	2	2	1	8	8	6
Wilhelmina	2	1	2	9	4	5
Croatia	2	1	2	4	4	5
Melbourne	1	2	2	6	4	4
Polonia	0	4	1	2	5	4
Lions	1	1	3	2	5	3
Juventus	0	2	3	6	2	3
JUST	0	1	4	2	11	1

MELBOURNE PROGRAM

Saturday: Croatia v. Hakoah (Olympic Park), Wilhelmina v. Lions (Jubilee Park), Polonia v. Slavia (Maribynong).

Sunday: George Cross v. Melbourne (Olympic Park), Juventus v. Footscray JUST (St. Kilda C.G.), SM Hellas v. Alexander (Middle Park).

ADELAIDE RESULTS

Enfield-Victoria v. Croatia 1-2. Goals: Millar; J. Slager, Moore.

Polonia v. Juventus 1-0. Goal: Mielnik.

WA Hellas v. Austria 4-2. Goals: Birch 2 (1 penalty), Pantelis, Byrne; Beattie, Artz.

Beograd v. Elizabeth City 2-0. Goals: M. Marusic 2.

Cumberland v. USC Lion 0-2. Goals: Monan, Cattenach.

S.A. TABLE

Polonia	3	—	9	1	6
Hellas	3	—	12	4	6
Beograd	2	1	7	3	5
Victoria	2	—	1	5	4
Croatia	2	—	1	4	3
Lion	1	1	1	4	3
Juventus	1	—	2	2	3
Austria	—	—	3	3	11
Elizabeth	—	—	3	2	9
Cumberland	—	—	3	2	10

S.A. PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAY 11
Juventus v. WA Hellas — Olympic Sports Field.
Croatia v. Polonia — Hanson Reserve.

Elizabeth City v. Cumberland — Ramsay Park.
Austria v. Beograd — Croydon Park.

USC Lion v. Victoria — Hindmarsh Stadium.

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Competition Tables FIRST DIVISION

GRADE II.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Prague	5	1	—	24	3	12				
Melita Eagles	5	—	1	15	9	10				
APIA	4	1	1	15	6	9				
SCU	4	—	2	17	10	8				
Polonia	3	1	2	14	13	7				
Croatia	2	3	1	8	9	7				
St. George	2	—	4	12	13	4				
Pan Hellenic	2	—	4	9	13	4				
Manly	2	—	4	8	13	4				
Hakoah	1	1	4	7	6	3				
Canterbury	1	—	5	6	23	2				
Yugal	1	—	5	4	17	2				

GRADE III.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
St. George	5	1	—	11	5	11				
Pan Hellenic	4	2	—	7	1	10				
Croatia	5	—	1	17	7	10				
Canterbury	4	1	1	15	8	9				
Yugal	3	2	1	13	9	8				
Prague	4	—	2	12	9	8				
Melita Eagles	2	1	3	14	16	5				
Hakoah	2	—	4	9	11	4				
SCU	1	1	4	10	12	3				
Manly	1	—	5	9	18	2				
Polonia	1	—	5	7	16	2				
APIA	—	—	6	3	13	—				

SECOND DIVISION

GRADE I.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Bankstown	5	1	—	16	6	11				
Auburn	4	1	1	17	9	9				
Balgownie	3	2	1	13	6	8				
Western Subs.	4	—	2	16	12	8				
Sutherland	3	2	1	13	12	8				
Granville	3	1	2	14	9	7				
Corinthians	3	1	2	10	11	7				
Marconi	2	1	3	6	6	5				
N. Bankstown	1	2	3	9	18	4				
NS-Inter	1	1	4	7	21	3				
Hornsby-NE	1	—	5	16	16	2				
Lane Cove	—	—	6	6	18	—				

GRADE II.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Western Subs.	5	1	—	23	4	11				
Bankstown	5	—	1	34	9	10				
Balgownie	5	—	1	21	10	9				
Sutherland	4	1	1	22	10	10				
Hornsby-NE	4	—	2	13	7	8				
Auburn	2	3	1	14	10	7				
Granville	3	—	3	15	24	6				
Marconi	2	1	3	6	7	5				
Corinthians	—	2	4	6	14	2				
Lane Cove	1	—	5	2	32	2				
N. Bankstown	—	1	5	8	20	1				
NS-Inter	—	1	5	7	26	1				

GRADE III.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Bankstown	6	—	1	19	3	12				
Western Subs.	5	—	1	27	3	10				
N. Bankstown	4	2	—	18	5	10				
Sutherland	4	2	—	26	8	10				
Granville	3	1	2	15	13	7				
Hornsby-NE	3	—	3	12	11	6				
Balgownie	3	—	3	13	13	6				
Auburn	2	—	4	21	18	4				
Lane Cove	2	—	4	11	24	4				
NS-Inter	1	1	4	12	14	3				
Marconi	—	—	6	4	30	—				
Corinthians	—	—	6	5	40	—				

INTER-SUBURBAN FIRST DIVISION

GRADE I.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Wentley	6	—	—	25	4	12				
Artarmon	3	3	—	15	5	9				
Thistle	3	1	2	19	7	7				
Marrickville	3	1	2	13	8	7				
South Sydney	3	1	2	8	8	7				
Eastside-MTK	3	—	3	12	14	6				
Belmore	1	3	2	5	12	5				
Concordia	2	—	4	8	14	4				
Blacktown	2	—	4	12	23	4				
Uni. NSW	2	—	4	9	17	4				
Ryde	1	2	3	3	9	4				
Lidcombe	1	1	4	7	16	3				

SECOND DIVISION

GRADE I.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Enmore	5	1	—	21	5	11				
Warringah	4	2	—	19	5	10				
Guildford	5	—	1	18	7	10				
Yagoona	4	—	1	10	7	8				
St. Marys	3	1	2	22	21	7				
Riverside	3	—	3	12	15	6				
Kewpies	2	1	3	11	10	5				
Sydney Uni.	1	3	2	9	14	5				
Arncliffe Scots	2	—	3	5	9	4				
Auburn	1	—	5	10	18	2				
Penrith	—	2	4	10	22	2				
Gymea	—	—	6	9	23	—				

THIRD DIVISION

GRADE I.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Condell Park	4	2	—	28	12	10				
G'ville-H'by	4	1	1	21	9	9				
Revasby	4	—	2	22	14	8				
Revasby	3	—	1	19	7	6				
Dee Why	1	3	1	11	10	5				
All Stars	2	—	2	10	12	4				
West Ryde	1	1	3	9	11	4				
Greenacre	1	1	3	12	26	3				
Smithfield	—	1	4	11	22	1				
F'field-Kiev	—	1	3	4	18	1				

FOURTH DIVISION

GRADE I.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Campbelltown	4	—	—	13	3	8				
Beverly Hills	3	1	—	20	11	7				
Liverpool	3	—	1	13	7	6				
Padstow Park	2	1	1	13	9	5				
Newtown	2	1	1	11	10	5				
Prospect	1	2	1	14	8	4				
Ku-ring-gai	1	1	2	15	12	3				
Maroubra	—	1	3	6	16	1				
Chelsea	—	1	3	4	22	1				
Central Utd.	—	—	4	7	18	—				

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

P. Hellenic v. Canterbury	0-2	1-0
Polonia v. Yugal	3-0	1-3
Melita Eagles v. Hakoah	2-1	3-2
Manly v. St. George	1-3	1-3
Prague v. SCU	3-0	1-0
Croatia v. APIA	2-2	4-0

SECOND DIVISION

NS-Inter v. Hornsby	1-9	0-3	0-3
Granville v. Wests	1-2	0-5	0-6
Corin. v. N. B'town	1-1	3-3	1-7
B'town v. Auburn	3-0	3-2	4-0
B'gownie v. Lane C.	3-0	6-0	5-2
S'land v. Marconi	1-0	1-0	5-1

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

DECISIVE GAME AT DRUMMOYNE OVAL

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Bankstown United cleared its first major hurdle on the path to promotion by convincingly beating another First Division aspirant, Auburn, last Sunday.

Bankstown shot to a two-point clear lead, losing only one point in six games.

In other matches, Wests came back into calculations with a win against Granville and Hornsby-North End opened their account by crushing North Sydney-Inter 9-1.

mott, Hinksman, Turnbull; Madden, White, Bamforth (2), Jamieson, Tansley (1).

Auburn: Brommett; Smith, Haggett; Nowacki, Thompson, Keen; McKnight, Entwistle, (Maes), Fernie, O'Neill.

Granville v. Western Suburbs 1-2

Wests started well and in the early stages looked by far the better side.

However, Granville came back strongly to take the initiative and finish on equal terms at half-time.

After the interval, play fluctuated evenly with neither side looking superior to the other and both sets of forwards missing good scoring chances.

Peter Pont, at centre-forward, sealed the result 12 minutes from the end when he cleverly intercepted a pass from Woods to break through.

Granville: Sparkes; Falzon (Dean), Pendleton; Crelly, Staunton, Burtenshaw; Shepherd, Baaks, J. Williams (1), Tamandl, H. Williams.

Wests: Hourigan; Bastion, Apostilidis; Holmes, Bijkerk, White; Wells (1), Cassidy, Pont (1), Woods, Mutley.

NS-Inter v. Hornsby 1-9

After leading 2-0 at half-time, Hornsby-North End swamped North Sydney Inter.

Inter were in trouble soon after the interval when the referee sent off their goalie Markulin for alleged punching, and to make things worse, left-half Gerbino walked off the field after an argument with his team mates.

Balgownie v. Lane Cove 3-0

The game was scrappy, but Lane Cove were unlucky not to lead at halftime.

Balgownie were too good after the interval and deservedly scored three fine goals.

Lane Cove: Giannini; Carter, I. Mitchell; Combe, Bertinetti, Cooper; Cross, Coutts, Thomson, Aird, Carr.

Sutherland v. Marconi 1-0

A goal in the first 15 minutes decided the match in favor of Sutherland in a tussle marred by strong winds.

With the wind behind them, Sutherland were on top in the first half and the goal scored by Davidson was the conversion of a triangular move started by Griffiths to Cucitti on the left wing and back to Davidson who netted.

Marconi played much better in the second half but bogged down badly in front of goal.

Sutherland: Root; Pateron, McAneny; Shrubsole, O'Reilly, Corfield; Bibbing, Roche, Griffiths, Davidson (1), Cucitti.

THIS WEEKEND

The main match this weekend is the clash between Western Suburbs and Sutherland at Drummoyne Oval on Sunday.

With eight points both to their credit, and three points behind the leaders, neither can afford a slip if they don't want to jeopardise their ambitions.

With ground advantage, Wests may hold the edge.

In other matches, Auburn have another tough customer in Balgownie — the only team so far who snatched a point from Bankstown, while the local "derby" is on again at George Green Oval where North Bankstown entertain their rival and neighbours, Bankstown United.

Lane Cove should open their account against North Sydney Inter and Granville should have little trouble against Hornsby-North End while the Marconi-Corinthians game could result in a draw.

TIPSTERS' CORNER

THIS WEEKEND'S MATCHES

	x	1	x	1	x	1	1	1
Canterbury v. Manly	x	1	1	1	x	1	1	1
SCU v. Melita Eagles	1	1	1	1	x	1	1	1
Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic	1	2	1	x	1	1	1	1
St. George v. Polonia	1	x	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yugal v. Croatia	x	1	2	2	2	x	2	2
APIA v. Prague	2	x	2	2	2	2	2	2
Auburn v. Balgownie	1	1	1	x	1	1	1	1
Lane Cove v. NS-Inter	1	x	2	1	x	1	1	1
Marconi v. Corinthians	x	1	1	1	x	x	1	1
N. B'town v. Bankstown	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hornsby v. Granville	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Wests v. Sutherland	1	1	1	x	1	x	1	1
How they tipped: Gilmour 46, Speers 39, Gautier 38, Dean, Nagy, Spiteri 37.								